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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6762

BILL NUMBER: HB 1554

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Funding for Developmental Disability Centers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Buell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires counties to provide a minimum level of funding to community mental retardation and other developmental disabilities centers serving the county. The bill reduces the maximum permissible appropriation for community mental retardation and other developmental disabilities centers. It authorizes the county council to determine how to apportion funding among more than one center serving the same county.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Current statute allows a county to authorize the furnishing of financial assistance to community mental retardation and other developmental disabilities centers that are located or will be located in the county in the amount that could be collected from an annual tax levy of not more than \$0.0333 on each \$100 of taxable property within the county.

This bill would require a county to furnish money to a facility that provides services to persons in their county in an amount that could be collected from an annual tax levy of not more than \$0.0033 on each \$100 of taxable property within the county. Data from the Local Government Database indicates that this represents approximately \$6 M statewide.

The number of counties that currently appropriate money to such facilities, and the amount of their appropriations, are unknown.

The bill requires counties to furnish a share of financial assistance for community mental retardation and other developmental disabilities centers that are located in a state adjacent to Indiana, and are certified by the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services. FSSA reports that it currently does not certify any community mental retardation and other developmental disabilities centers that are located outside of Indiana.

This bill does not affect a county's maximum permissible levy. Therefore, these appropriations would have to be made from revenues currently available to the county unit. A required appropriation for these purposes implies that the available money to fund other current expenditures would be reduced.

The Indiana Association of Rehabilitation Facilities reports that there are approximately 44 community mental retardation and developmental disabilities centers in the state.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Community Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Centers; Local Governments.

Information Sources: Legislative Services Agency, Community Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Centers Property Tax Data; Juman Bruce, FSSA, 232-7820; Kim Opsahl, INARF, 634-4957.

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